

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of providing information to a client device, said method comprising automatically:

receiving a request for information from said client device;

receiving location information indicative of the geographical position of said client device;

selecting audio-visual content based on said request and regardless of said location information;

selecting geographically-oriented information based on said location information; and

sending response information to said client device, said response information comprising said geographically-oriented information and said content.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information is provided by said client device.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said request for information is the address of a web page and said response information is a web page.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said geographically-oriented information is placed within said web page.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein said web page comprises an on-line magazine.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said steps of sending and receiving comprise sending and receiving via a wireless connection.

7. The method of claim 3 wherein said geographically-oriented information relates to an advertisement.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said advertisement comprises a hyperlink to another web page.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information comprises latitude and longitude.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said location information is provided by a GPS receiver connected to said client device.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of selecting geographically-oriented information comprises selecting said geographically-oriented information from a collection of said geographically-oriented information.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein at least two items in the collection are associated with the same geographic location.

13. The method of claim 2 wherein said geographically-oriented information is selected based on the time of day of the request.

14. The method of claim 2 wherein said geographically-oriented information is selected based on demographic information relating to the client device or the user of said client device.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said demographic information was received before said request was received.

16. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a request for information from a second client device different from the other said client device; receiving location

information indicative of the geographical position of said second client device; selecting audio-visual content based on said request and regardless of said location information, said request from said second client device being identical to the request from said other client device; selecting geographically-oriented information for said second client that is different from the geographically-oriented information for said other client device.

17. The method of claim 2 further comprising transmitting default information in place of said geographically-oriented information if said location information is not received.

18. The method of claim 1 wherein said geographically-oriented information is chosen from a plurality of information associated with said geographical position.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein said plurality of information associated with said geographical position comprises a plurality of advertisements associated with a plurality of different entities near said geographical position.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein said geographically-oriented information comprises an advertisement for a vendor and said advertisement changes based on the distance between said geographical position and said vendor's establishment.

21. The method of claim 1 wherein said audio-visual content and said geographically-oriented information are stored on different servers.

22. The method of claim 1 wherein said geographically-oriented information is associated with an entity, and further comprising the step of said entity being notified that said geographically-oriented information has been sent to said client.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein said entity sends a communication to said client device after said step of said entity being notified.

24. The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of said entity and said client device chatting with one another.

25. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of the entity associated with said geographically-oriented information sending an electronic coupon to said client device.

26. The method of claim 1 wherein said geographically-oriented information includes information relating to the inventory of an entity.

27. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information comprises latitude and longitude.

28. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information comprises a zip code.

29. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information comprises a cell base station identifier.

30. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information comprises an area code.

31. The method of claim 1 wherein said location information the identity of local radio station.

32. A portable system for presenting information to a user comprising:

- a processor;
- a positioning system;
- input means for receiving information from a user;
- a display;
- a modem;

instructions executable by said processor, said instructions comprising receiving a request for information from a user via said input means; retrieving the geographic location of said positioning system from said positioning system; sending said request and said geographic location to a server via said modem; receiving from said server requested information and location information, said requested information being responsive to said request and said location information being responsive to said geographic location; and displaying said requested information and said location information.

33. The system of claim 32 wherein said portable system is a personal digital assistant (PDA) and said modem is a wireless modem.

34. The system of claim 33 wherein said wireless modem communicates with a cellular base station.

35. The system of claim 33 wherein said display and said input means comprises a touch-sensitive display.

36. The system of claim 32 wherein said portable system comprises an Internet-capable wireless phone.

37. The system of claim 32 wherein said positioning system comprises a GPS receiver.

38. The system of claim 32 wherein said positioning system determines location based on a signal from a cellular base station.

39. The system of claim 32 wherein said positioning system determines location by triangulating signals from cellular base stations.

40. The system of claim 39 wherein said positioning system determines location based a unique sector identifier transmitted by a cellular base station.

41. A system for presenting information to a user comprising:

a remote device comprising a positioning system and a modem;

a server comprising neutral content and dependant content, said dependant content comprising geographically-oriented content;

wherein when said remote device requests said neutral content via said modem and sends its geographical location as determined by said positioning system, said server sends said neutral content and said dependant content.

42. The system of claim 41 wherein said server is a web server and communicates with said remote device via the Internet.

43. The system of claim 41 wherein said neutral content and dependant content is sent in HTML format.

42. The system of claim 41 wherein said neutral content and dependant content is sent in XML format.

45. The system of claim 41 wherein said server is associated with a URL.

46. The system of claim 45 wherein said remote device requests said neutral content by requesting said content form said URL.

47. The system of claim 46 wherein said neutral content comprises a web page containing audio or visual data.

48. The system of claim 47 wherein said web page comprises an on-line magazine.

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